

time that Washington bureaucrats take real action to get back to fiscal responsibility and save our country.

In God we trust.

#### INVESTING IN BROADBAND IS ESSENTIAL

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, high-quality, high-speed broadband is essential in today's interconnected and interdependent world. Underserved communities throughout America need internet access for education, transportation, and healthcare services and to realize the full potential of all of our citizens.

The American Rescue Plan provides money, lots of money, for State and local governments to expand broadband. The bipartisan infrastructure law builds on that effort by making a \$65 billion investment in broadband.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Federal Government and local governments in western New York to move quickly and effectively to ensure everyone can realize their full potential with access to quality, high-speed broadband.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF ROBERT LARSON

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of one of my constituents, Robert Larson, and congratulate him on his retirement.

For 27 years, Bob served as commissioner of the Port of Benton and has dedicated himself to serving his neighbors and his community.

Thanks to Bob's efforts, the U.S. Navy and the Port of Benton were able to partner to bring a section of the USS *Triton* submarine to Richland in honor of veterans who served in Navy submarines.

From strengthening local supply chains to preserving the history of the Hanford Site and so much more, Bob's contributions to the Port of Benton, the greater Tri-Cities, the State of Washington, and our country are a true testament to his spirit of service.

As a lifelong Washingtonian, on behalf of the people of the Fourth Congressional District, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Bob for his decades of public service and wish him all the best in retirement.

#### OIL COMPANIES' COSTS GO DOWN WHILE FUEL PRICES GO UP

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I am upset about inflation. As our economy

reopens and demand surges, big corporations have taken advantage. They have squeezed consumers for profit and raised costs on everyday Americans.

Corporate greed is a primary reason why costs for American businesses and families have gone up. I will give you one example.

The cost of refining oil has gone down, yet gas prices went up. Let me repeat that again. The costs to oil companies have gone down, and fuel prices went up.

That is why I am joining President Biden in calling on the Federal Trade Commission to investigate whether oil and gas companies are engaging in anticompetitive or potentially illegal behavior to jack up your gas prices.

#### REJECT CRADLE-TO-GRAVE SOCIALISM

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, shortly, this body will begin debating the most radical and expensive spending bill in our Nation's history.

Shockingly, Democrats are intent on moving forward without the CBO's final cost analysis. But independent estimates put the bill's price tag around \$4 trillion, twice what Democrats claim. This level of reckless and unpaid-for spending is unsustainable.

On top of that, the problematic provisions in this bill are a mile long. It will heighten the border crisis, undermine American energy, and worsen the inflation crisis. It will raise taxes on hardworking families and calls for hiring 87,000 new IRS agents.

Unbelievably, one of the biggest parts of this bill is a special tax break for the wealthy. The list of problems goes on and on, but the bottom line is this massive bill represents cradle-to-grave socialism. That is not what America stands for.

Madam Speaker, please join me and reject this radical legislation.

#### HONORING DONALD L. HARRIS

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise a great man from my district after his passing recently. Donald Harris was a developer with a conscience, a visionary, a dreamer, a thinker. He helped rebuild Newark and created housing projects in areas that needed redevelopment.

His housing projects were more than just buildings. Mr. Harris used them to educate new residents on proper homeownership and how to move forward in this economy to sustain their lives. He made sure his projects created more opportunities for African Americans and other minorities. That is why he earned the Golden Broom Award for improving Newark's quality of life.

He was a man whose faith guided him to help those in need. He was an example for all of us to follow.

Madam Speaker, I am here to honor Donald Laverne Harris for a life well lived.

#### REQUESTING RESPONSE ON CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, last month, I led the California Republican delegation in a letter to Secretary of the Interior Haaland and Secretary of Commerce Raimondo regarding the reinitiation of consultation on the 2019 biological opinions for the long-term operations of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project.

Despite our request for a response, we did not receive an answer by the set deadline. This issue is critical to my constituents in the Central Valley. Failure to provide answers to our urgent questions is unacceptable.

This week, I led another letter to Secretaries Haaland and Raimondo. Once again, we are demanding answers regarding the administration's antiscience decision, which threatens the livelihoods of Central Valley farmers and families.

Madam Speaker, my colleagues and I will not back down, and I urgently request attention and response to this issue.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF RANDY ROSENBAUM

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of an extraordinary Rhode Islander, my friend Randy Rosenbaum.

For 27 years, Randy has served as the executive director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, where he helped Rhode Island artists to share their gifts and talents with the rest of the world.

From the up-and-coming artist to the well-established, the young artists to the old, Randy lifted up the work of a diverse, new generation of Rhode Island artists.

To put it simply, he is to the Rhode Island arts community what the smile is to the Mona Lisa.

Randy has left an indelible mark on the Rhode Island arts scene, increasing RISCA funding ninefold, putting the Ocean State on the map as a film location, and supporting Rhode Island's \$2 billion arts economy.

Randy's leadership, now that he is retiring after 30 years at the helm of RISCA, will surely be missed, but his legacy lives on through his countless accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Randy on his retirement, and I wish him all the best in his next chapter.

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BIDEN INFLATION THANKSGIVING  
TAX

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Thanksgiving 2021 will be the most expensive meal in the history of the holiday. You pay with Biden inflation, build back bankrupt. A typical meal will cost more than ever.

The Aiken Standard newspaper cartoon today is correct. Some specific price increases include turkey up 27 percent, carrots up 47 percent, potatoes 13 percent, and cranberries up 5.2 percent, in addition to gas up 61 percent and home heating bills up 54 percent.

These are brutal realities for families as we celebrate being an American with Thanksgiving.

Democrat elite think they are smarter than anyone, and they think Democrat voters are ignorant to believe \$5 trillion in spending costs zero dollars. You pay with Biden inflation.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years in the global war on terrorism as it continues moving from the Afghanistan haven to America.

Congratulations to the mayor-elect of Columbia, Republican Daniel Rickenmann, who is the first Republican in 40 years for the capital city elected yesterday.

## EASING INFLATION

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, contrary to the remarks from my friend from South Carolina, leading economists in this country say that the Build Back Better bill will help on inflation. It will ease inflationary measures. It is important that we pass the Build Back Better bill if we are going to deal with inflation.

Build Back Better, the Reuters Agency says Biden's spending plan will not add to inflationary pressure.

Mark Zandi, the chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said, "The bills do not add to inflation pressures, as the policies help to lift long-term economic growth via stronger productivity and labor force growth, and thus take the edge off of inflation."

Madam Speaker, 17 Nobel Prize winners in economics have already stated they believe the Build Back Better bill will ease longer term inflationary pressures.

So it is not an inflation problem. In fact, by passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we make it easier for people to get to work and for goods to get to market. Improving our ports, our airports with cargo, our highways, and our rail, all of those things, make it easier for us to work against inflation and to get goods to market and improve the economy.

So we should pass Build Back Better, and hurray Biden.

## RAISE THE FLAG OF FREEDOM

(Mr. CAWTHORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, the Halls of this hallowed Republic have become darkened with the smut and filth of corrupted justice.

Imagine: a predawn raid. Waking from a dead sleep in sheer terror to men with guns screaming and searching furiously for damning evidence against their authoritarian master.

This horrifying vision is not pulled from the pages of some graphic novel. This was last week's headlines.

A dedicated group of whistleblowing journalists, including James O'Keefe, faced illegal raids by the FBI to confiscate personal cellphones and crucial documents that incriminate tyrant Joe Biden.

Madam Speaker, why do you sit in silence while the White House's secret police round up dissenters?

Why do you sit in silence while diligent journalists face harassment at the hands of left-wing enforcers?

There is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetrated under the shield of law and in the name of justice. The flag of freedom lies in tatters when liberty is crushed beneath the heavy hand of a totalitarian regime.

Hear my message loud and clear: The American people will raise that flag of freedom, and it will fly high again very soon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HOLD MEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE  
FOR VIOLENT SPEECH

(Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the House resolution calling for the immediate censure of Representative PAUL GOSAR. Posting an edited video on social media depicting violence against another Member of this body is reprehensible.

Make no mistakes, violent speech breeds violent actions. On my third day of Congress, I learned exactly how dangerous words of leaders in this country can be. Allowing this type of dangerous messaging to go unchecked puts all of our lives at risk. Following the January 6 attacks, my family had to get security for our safety. I never imagined having to drop my kindergartner off at school with security in tow.

This routine brand of violence against women in politics is a direct attempt to silence us. We can hold different opinions and disagree, but violent hate speech is unacceptable in any party. Leaders in Congress must be held accountable for their actions.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this basic standard of conduct and join me in holding my colleague accountable.

## CATTLE MARKET INTEGRITY

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, our Nation's cattle ranchers are going bankrupt and yet, the price of beef remains expensive and continues to rise.

The price disparities between live cattle prices and wholesale beef rise in tandem with historic levels of consolidation in the meat packing sector and minimal levels of competition in the marketplace.

My colleagues and I, along with cattle producers nationwide, are asking for action to strengthen the integrity of the cattle market and are requesting an update on the Department of Justice's investigation into the four largest meatpackers in the United States. We must determine if any manipulation, collusion, or other illegal activity may be occurring in order to ensure market transparency.

It is vital for the continuation of the American beef industry that market manipulation is identified. We must stand with our farmers and ranchers for fair, competitive, and free market business practices.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE  
BILL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, there was such exhilaration across the Nation as Democrats came together last week and moved forward on the bipartisan infrastructure bill with their vote and to catapult forward the build back America bill as well.

Let me say how happy my constituents are for the \$2.3 billion that will clean the water of old schools, homes, and apartments. This is something that we all fought together for.

But I am excited about the future of this week passing BBB because I fought to reinsert the family medical leave and as well to ensure that all of us have an opportunity to have healthcare across America; Texas being the poster child for the uninsured. Madam Speaker, 766,000 will get insurance now because of the Build Back Better Act.

There is breaking news, and the breaking news is inflation is not caused by the Build Back Better or the bipartisan bill. It is caused by corporate greed; they put the price on goods.

But, Madam Speaker, with the work of the Biden administration and Democrats in Congress, we are going to see the economy drive for all of America, inflation no more.